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1. The School for Under-Officers is located in the Stefanik Barracks in the center of the city of Most. [redacted] 50X1
 2. The School for Under-Officers had four companies, each company having 150 men; each company had four platoons and each platoon had three squads. The school was attended by soldiers from all over Bohemia; the duration of the course was three months. The total number of officers in the school was six, the highest grade being that of first lieutenant. There were 18 under-officers and 750 men.
 3. The soldiers were armed with German rifles model 98N.
 4. The soldiers were trained in the use of mines, e g, antitank mines, infantry mines of Soviet, German and Czechoslovak makes. Various methods of mine-laying were taught. One method was with the help of a compass; each mine had to be marked on a map. Another method was with the help of a cord; the cord was 50 meters long, and the places where the mines were to be laid were marked with knots on the string. Antitank mines were laid six meters apart. Infantry mines were laid about two meters apart. The soldiers were taught also about various battle gases and chemical warfare. This subject dealt only in theory and it was taught four hours per month. Another subject taught was engineers' training, which included road building, building of road blocks and bridges, digging of positions for artillery, machine guns and riflemen and the building of the so-called "zemljanky." This training also dealt only with theory, mainly because there was no material available, eg for the bridge construction. Theory of explosives was taught also.
 5. The following men were members of this unit:
 - (a) 1st Lt (fnu) Kocourek, commander of the school, 24 years old, height 175 centimeters, thin, brown hair, a devoted Communist.
 - (b) Lt (fnu) Ures, political officer, 26 years old, height 170 centimeters, thin, brown hair, a devoted Communist. He was in charge of supervision of political education.

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6. The daily schedule in the School for Under-Officers was as follows:

0600 hours.....	reveille
0605-0625 hours.....	morning exercises
0625-0700 hours.....	washing and dressing
0700-0730 hours.....	breakfast for the whole company in the canteen
0730-1245 hours.....	morning occupation
1245-1300 hours.....	preparation for lunch
1300-1400 hours.....	lunch
1400-1515 hours.....	obligatory sleep
1700-1900 hours.....	study
2000-2100 hours.....	interest groups
2100-2200 hours.....	free
2200-2220 hours.....	screening
2220-2240 hours.....	marches and singing
2240-2300 hours.....	preparation for the night
2300 hours.....	lights out.

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